



COCHISE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
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CARA Annual Membership Meeting Minutes
January 9th, 2017

President KI7EKT called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Secretary KD7OED, Member-at-Large KE4ZZS and Past President WB6OTS were also present. President KX6X was absent.

Program: There was no formal program this month.

President's report: KI7EKT reported that the club is in need of a hamfest coordinator. NH6BF volunteered to take point, and was applauded by all. KI7EKT also reported that there will be a VE session on Friday, February 3rd at 6:00 PM and will be open to all amateurs, and that WB6OTS will be conducting classes later this winter and spring (more covered in the past president's report). Finally, he noted the outstanding turnout at the meeting and thanked all hams for their attendance.

Vice-President's Report: Covered in the president's report.

Treasurer's Report: Temporary treasurer KD7OED reviewed activity in the club's finances since the November meeting. This includes a donation from former club member Susan/KD7GQY. A copy of the report is posted in the back of Larson Hall for member review.

Secretary's Report: KD7OED reported that minutes from the November meeting were posted on the club website for more than a month. There were no corrections or additions noted by members. Motion by W7OL seconded by KG7TPI to accept the minutes as published; the motion passed on a voice vote. KD7OED also reported that club member KK7RV would be going in to the hospital soon – a get well card was circulated for members to sign. He also circulated a holiday card received from the Cochise County Sheriff thanking the club for its support to public service

activities over the past year. Lastly he reported that he has given control of the K7RDG.ORG website to KI7EKT.

Member at Large Report: KE4ZZS reported that the Civil Air Patrol recently used 406MHz training beacons to simulate downed aircraft Emergency Locator Transmitters (ELTs). He will also provide a presentation on how to build your own antennas at the February meeting.

Past President's Report: WB6OTS reported that a Technician license class will be conducted at Green Acres from Saturday, January 21st through Saturday, February 11th, culminating in a VE session on Saturday, February 18th. It will be followed by a General license class meeting from Saturday February 25th through Saturday March 18th with the VE testing session on Saturday March 25th. Start time for all classes is 11:00 AM, but the start time for both VE sessions is 9:30 AM. More information is listed on the CARA web page.

Technical Report: AA7JB reported that planning to temporarily relocate the 147.02, 449.525 repeaters and the Mule digipeater to an alternate site continues, but will not be executed until weather improves. The county has initiated a soil and rock sample in preparation for building the new tower to replace the existing 40-year-old tower. The Yaesu repeater has been programmed and is now being tested at his house, while the Vertex repeater remains in Tucson for repairs. Interference noted on the 146.76 repeater is suspected to be the result of another repeater with a similar PL tone – the option to change the PL to a digital only tone was discussed by the members, but no decision was made.

Public Service Report: N7INK reported on activity since October.

11/12 Colossal Cave 50/50 Endurance Run - One member of our group deployed to the command post at Colossal Cave to assist the Pima County amateurs during this event.

11/24 Parker Canyon Search – The ARES/RACES team was paged out to assist the Cochise County Search and Rescue (SAR) unit locate a missing hiker on the west slope of the Huachuca Mountains near Parker Canyon

Lake. We deployed the County Mobile Communications Unit (MCU). The missing subject was located in good condition and reunited with her hiking partner at approximately 18:00.

12/3 Sierra Vista Christmas Parade – The Sierra Vista annual parade is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Our ARES/RACES group deployed the MCU and multiple members at key areas along the staging route for the parade. Once all units had made the turn onto the primary route we were released. As in years past – the chamber sent us a thank you letter for our support.

12/11 Coronado Memorial Search – The ARES/RACES unit deployed the MCU in response to a request from the SAR unit. The Sheriff's Office had received a call purportedly about an injured UDA with a broken leg in the area of the Coronado Memorial. Personnel from several agencies were involved: Fry Fire, Palominas Fire, Border Patrol, Forest Service, AZ DPS, and the County Search and Rescue unit. The search was eventually suspended due to lack of reliable information about the possible location of the subject.

12/22 Huachuca City Search – The ARES/RACES team deployed two members to assist the SAR unit to locate a missing ATV driver. A third member acted as our Home Unit relay. The subject's ATV was located abandoned north of Huachuca City toward Mustang Corners in the afternoon but not reported until approximately 9:15 in the evening. Fortunately the subject was located at his home shortly after our team arrived. Considering the low temperatures that evening it was good he made home safely when he did!

Upcoming events include:

2/12-2/23 IS-300 Course in Sierra Vista

03/04/2017 Old Pueblo 50 Endurance Run, Santa Rita Mountains. Although we have supported this event in years past, the organizers have decided to try an alternative command structure this year and are not requesting our assistance.

ARCA Report: KC7GTY was absent so KD7OED reported that the club's ARCA renewal will be conducted at the Thunderbird Hamfest on January 14th. Other upcoming hamfests include the Yuma section convention February 17th and 18th, the Scottsdale Hamfest on March 18th, and the Tucson spring hamfest on March 25th. The ARCA board has elected not to return to Williams this year, there is a possibility that the ARCA summer hamfest will move to the Show Low area in conjunction with the White Mountain Hamfest. ARCA also plans to vote on a revision to the ARCA bylaws to allow the summer hamfest to occur in June, July or August (the current rules do not provide for a June event).

CARA NET Report: AF7HZ reported that the club always welcomes new net control stations as it is a great way for hams to hone their operating procedures. KI7EKT thanked him for his many months of running this weekly net for the club on the 146.76 repeater (Thursdays at 7:00 P.M.).

Old Business:

- Repeater Linking: No update due to priority of repairing the existing repeaters and potential Mule Mountain upgrades.
- Saturday Activities: The club is still soliciting volunteers to help members with Saturday projects.
- IRS Report: KD7OED reported that the IRS website that allows filing of the form 990-N is still down.

New Business: KD7OED has a list of proposed changes to the CARA standing rules – but discussion was deferred until the next meeting because of technical difficulties this evening.

Elections: KD7OED observed that the club Vice-President and Treasurer terms had both expired, and that the board recommended KI7EKT to continue as Vice-President, and KI7FRU to serve as the new treasurer. Motion by N7INK seconded by KB5IM to accept the recommendations of the board and place both individuals in nomination. There were no other nominations from the floor, and after no further discussion the motion was

approved on a unanimous voice vote. Many thanks to KI7EKT and KI7FRU for accepting these club responsibilities!

50/50 Raffle: WB6OTS won both the prize (a hat) and the 50/50 raffle, and donated his winnings back to the club for a total of \$50.

Next Club Meeting: The next meeting will be February 6th at 7:00 PM.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Ilse/KD7OED
CARA Secretary